



News, Events and Information

Mayor Coleman's Green Team Welcomes Newly Appointed Members

Serving as advisors to Mayor Coleman, 35 community experts serve on a Green Team to help to guide Get Green Columbus. The group meets bimonthly and is further supported by working groups focusing on Transportation, Energy, Growth and Development, Education and Engagement, Building, and Business. Their efforts have resulted in well respected projects including the development of the Pedal Instead program, providing guidance to the 2010 Parking Code revisions, the 2012 Comprehensive Curbside Recycling and Yard Waste Program and the Green Columbus Fund.

Earlier this month, the Green Team and all of its working group members met to plan for the new year. The Mayor was there to encourage their continued persistence and innovation. Additionally, the Mayor welcomed seven new members onto the Team including: Angel Arroyo-Rodriguez, Sherry Hubbard, Eric Davies, Tyler Steele, Sheryl Owens, Scott Potter and Ken Stammen. David Brehm was presented with a recognition of service award for serving as the Chair of the Green Team for the past five years and Aparna Dial was congratulated as the new incoming Chair.

Your Get Green New Year's Resolution

Can't think of a resolution this year? No problem. We've compiled a list to help you Get Green in 2011!

- Become a [GreenSpot](#)- register your home today!
- Collect rain water from your roof with a rain barrel. Not only will you benefit by decreasing your utility bill, you will also benefit the environment by reducing the amount of water surging into storm drains carrying pollutants such as fertilizers and oils along the way.
- Practice the 2nd R- REUSE. Carry cloth bags to the store instead of using paper or plastic. Similarly, fill a reusable bottle with tap water. This simple change will help save money, natural resources and limit waste sent to the landfill.
- Scale down use of paper products in the kitchen and rely more on dish towels and cloth napkins.
- Get an Energy Audit of your home: Home Performance evaluation and rebate options through [Columbia Gas of Ohio](#) and In-Home Energy Programs through [American Electric Power-Ohio](#)
- Volunteer in your community. Litter clean ups and invasive plant removals are scheduled regularly and always welcome an extra pair of hands! Visit the [Green Community Calendar](#) to check for opportunities.

Accolades

- Congratulations to the Fisher College of Business for ranking both first and second place in the 5th annual Get Green Business Case Competition as well as to Capital University for proposing the most innovative solution.
- Wagenbrenner Development received approval from the Clean Ohio Council for a \$3 million CORF Grant for the acquisition and remediation of the former 3M brownfield site in Weinland Park. Demolition and remediation of the site is tentatively planned for the spring.
- Both the City of Columbus and Franklin County were awarded \$250,000 by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development to incorporate green, energy-efficient building standards into low and moderate income housing. The funding will be used as additional construction financing in order to meet and exceed Energy Star standards. Non-profit developers, Columbus Housing Partnership and Homes on the Hill will build several energy-efficient houses for homeownership.
- Urban Crestview Area Neighbors ([UCAN](#)) and Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed ([FLOW](#)) have received funding to create a native, urban arboretum that will benefit wildlife, reduce stormwater runoff, and help restore the green canopy in the neighborhood that once connected Glen Echo Ravine to the south with Walhalla Ravine to the north. Columbus Recreation & Parks Department- Forestry Division and OSU- Division of Horticulture and Plant Science Department are partnering to make this project a reality.
- COTA received LEED Gold level certification for its renovated Fields Avenue Fixed Route Facility at 1333 Fields Ave., Columbus OH 43201.

Green Events & Activities

Get involved with sustainability in the City of Columbus and Central Ohio by visiting the MORPC Green Community Calendar [online](#).

- **MORPC Education Forum:** Friday, January 14th (111 Liberty Street). Bimonthly presentations focusing on the values outlined in the [Central Ohio Green Pact](#).
- **Seeds of Significance Conference** (\$25): TOMORROW, December 29th (112 Jefferson Ave). The first annual conference to forge food, farming and policy solutions for the Urban Community will convene farmers, gardeners, activists, students and community leaders from across Central Ohio. Contact inc.pen@gmail.com for more information.

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